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Bodine kept in dark

by Geetha
Tharmaratnam

On Wednesday, March 24 at 8:05 AM, Bodine Hall, Engineering and Technology Building, Hubbell Gymnasium, Campus Security, North, and South Halls lost electric

On Sunday, March 28, at 1:30 AM, there was a cable failure that affected the same buildings due to the unexpected direct hit that the underground cables had taken two days earlier. It was a problem that could not have been detected earlier and was 400

located on the second floor north wing. This interfered with the repair of the powerline, as crew had to respond to the fire alarm.

Residents were immediately evacuated, and room 107 in Dana Hall was opened to them, as is the emergency procedure.

The back-up battery system for the fire alarm and the emergency lighting were depleted because of this prank. Mr. Hunyadi said, "Once the building was evacuated, we could not reoccupy it." He went on to say, "That greatly added to the burden of the people involved who were trying to help the students."

Mr. Jim Mooney, head of Campus Security said that people were moved to available beds in Barnum, Seeley, and Warner Halls. As there was not enough space for the almost 400 residents of Bodine Hall in these three facilities, some people were forced to spend the night in room 107 in Dana.

Alket Memushaj, a resident of Bodine who had just fallen asleep when the alarm went off was asked to vacate the building by a security officer and to find another place to sleep. He told *The Scribe*, "I pay for this, Bodine, not some other place."

There have been six fire alarms in Bodine previous to this in the last year. Four were accidental and two were malicious. In this case, pulling the fire alarm depleted the back-up battery, and this resulted in a very uncomfortable night for almost all the residents of Bodine.

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Students were sent to Dana 107 after a false fire alarm was set off during the power outage

power. This was due to a break in the cable splices underground in the aged electrical system.

The first explosion occurred in Manhole number 5, outside of Engineering and Tech, and this, said Ted Hunyadi, director of Physical Plant, "precipitated an additional splice failure in Manhole number 7, outside North Hall." He attributed the failures to the old system that was initially installed in the 1960's.

Both the splices were fixed by 3:00 PM that afternoon. This has happened before, and Mr. Hunyadi estimated that it on average occurs twice a year.

to 500 yards away from the original cable failure location.

This time, 110 feet of cable burnt out underground. Mr. Hunyadi told *The Scribe* that the cable was then cut and abandoned, and a section of new cable was pulled through. The burnout of the cable was again due to the aged system.

When the power outage occurred at 1:30 AM on Sunday morning, the decision was made to let the residents of Bodine Hall remain in their rooms, and emergency services went about fixing the problem. However, at 2:37 AM, the fire alarm in Bodine Hall was maliciously pulled.

The fire alarm was

Dorm security problems

by Roxann Blackburn

The security systems in Barnum Hall and Seeley Hall are inefficient and need upgrading. Students have been using the emergency exit doors in Seeley Hall as backdoors. Whenever these doors are opened, the security alarm goes off, however, it automatically shuts off once the doors are closed.

Residential Director of Seeley Hall, Tammy Barrett, in an interview with *The Scribe*, stated that she has seen students using the emergency exists, and has heard the

Unlike Bodine Hall, Barnum and Seeley are not equipped with closed-circuit televisions. In effect, these buildings cannot efficiently be monitored. As an added complication, the security officers on-duty cannot leave their posts at the front desks to investigate an alarm when it goes off.

Director of Campus Security, Jim Mooney, made several remarks about the situation. "The existing system is not satisfactory, it needs to be replaced," said Mr. Mooney.

He also stated that, in fact, there is a "big security breach"



The back door of Seeley is currently being used to let in visitors, though it is alarmed

alarm. The problem is by the time she gets to the doors, the person or persons are usually long gone.

According to Ms. Barrett, her main concern is that anyone can get into the building without being first signed-in with security at the front desk. This means that even non-University students have access to the dorms.

in the present system.

Several proposals have been brought forward by Mr. Mooney and David Oestreich, director of Residential Life, to renovate the current system. The proposals call for installation of closed-circuit televisions that would not only monitor the emergency exists, but

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Food committee addresses President

by Zornitza Lilova

A committee was formed last year to address the students' concerns about the food at Marina Dining Hall. This committee became an ad hoc committee of the Student Development Committee of Student Congress this year. Recently, it presented its main points in front of Student Congress. The main concern of the committee is that the twelve-meal plan is too expensive.

Currently, buying meals from Marina without being on any of the meal plans costs \$4.75 for breakfast, \$5.75 for lunch and \$6.75 for dinner.

With the present price of the twelve-meal plan of \$1445 per semester for fifteen weeks of

"The issue of extending the Marina hours was presented to the Board of Trustees"

--Ashok Regmi

meals offered, the price per meal is \$8.03, simple math shows.

The concern was presented to Student Congress along with the problem of extending

Marina hours and the allocation of \$1.4 million for a complete renovation of the dining hall.

"The issue of extending the Marina hours was presented to the Board of Trustees," President of Student Congress, Ashok Regmi said. The other two issues have not been addressed yet.

The chairman of the Food Committee has brought the question of the twelve-meal plan to the attention of President Rubenstein. According to the chairman, the President agreed that the problem needs to be addressed, and will be brought to the attention of the

new Chief Financial Officer, Arthur Roberts, Jr.

Students who are on the Academic Scholarship, which covers tuition, are obligated to be on either the twelve or nineteen meal plans. Presently, students are asked to pay for meals more than outside people who want to eat in the dining hall. The Food Committee has discussed the problem and now it is up to the University to make the appropriate changes to fix the current condition. Since the issue concerns a relatively large portion of the student body, it is hoped that it will be resolved as soon as possible.

New Chief Financial Officer

by Nedialko Zlatarev

On March 11, Arthur C. Roberts, Jr., was appointed the new vice-president for Administration and Finance of the University.

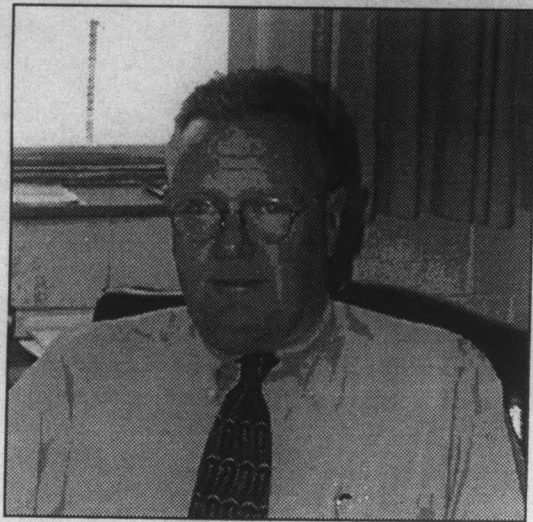
As Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Mr. Roberts will report to the President of the University, Dr. Richard Rubenstein.

He will be responsible for all of the financial and budgetary activity within the University, and will oversee Administrative Services, Administrative Computing, Campus Security, Food Services, Personnel Administration, Physical Plant, and the Controller's Office.

Mr. Roberts said he is delighted to be working for the University. "UB has to become a world center of excellence," said Mr. Roberts.

He is positive that investing in foreign students is something that everybody can only benefit from. As the students benefit from the faculty, the faculty can also benefit from students.

According to Mr. Roberts, the cam-



The new Chief Financial Officer seeks to improve utilization of the buildings on campus

pus has many issues that need to be addressed.

For example, the buildings are not efficiently being used. Right now, only about 50% of the structures on-campus are in use. "We have invested in

physical structures that are not used," Mr. Roberts said.

Mr. Roberts also stated that resolving problems "is not going to happen overnight." Several decades ago, when the University had almost 9000 students, the budget was

sixty million dollars. Now, it is half that amount.

"Some definite investments need to be made," he said.

One of the areas that need to be developed is Information Technology. Every building on campus has to be wired. Right now only few of the buildings have Internet. This issue, however is said to be resolved by the Fall '99

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Picking a restaurant

by Arman Gevorgyan

Tired of Marina food? Want to try something different? Do not limit yourself to ordering Chinese or pizza. Rather, try going to one of many restaurants in the area.

Those students who do not own a car still have many choices of restaurants that they can visit. Famous Pizza, which is located two blocks away from campus, offers pizza and American dishes at reasonable prices.

Seafood fans can take Bridgeport Bus #8 to Red Lobster in the Brookside Plaza. Those who enjoy steak and other American dishes should consider visiting Ruby Tuesday's and J.C. Hillary's in the Trumbull Mall.

The number of choices increase significantly if you own a car. Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield hosts several fine restaurants, such as Mako of Japan and Pizzeria Uno. Mako of Japan is a small and cozy place that serves authentic Japanese food. "The owner cooks himself, so the quality of the food is really good," commented Hosik Choi.

Pizzeria Uno arguably serves the best deep-dish pizzas in the area. The pizzeria also has a bar section with a television and attracts large student crowds during sports events.

Those who stay up late should keep in mind places that are open twenty-four hours a day. Andros Diner, which is located off exit twenty-four on I-95, is very popular with University students. Andros has a wide selection of

fine desserts.

Athens Diner is further south at exit nineteen, however it is generally less busy and more quiet than Andros. It's perfect for breakfast at 1AM or a dinner meal at 3AM.

Big Mac fans can visit a twenty-four hour McDonald's, which is located at the I-95 service plaza between exits twenty-one and twenty-two.

Starving students should make a run to Old Country Buffet by exit thirty-nine in Milford. This all-you-can-eat restaurant provides a wide selection of American dishes.

Those who like Indian food should visit Bombay Bar and Grill in Westport off exit seventeen, which has excellent lunch buffets on weekdays and weekends.

For the best selection of restaurants, it is worth to take a thirty-minute drive to Stamford downtown at exit seven. La Hacienda is a somewhat expensive, yet superb Mexican restaurant that appeals to many with its authentic atmosphere.

If you want to impress your date, consider Mona Lisa Ristorante or Telluride in Stamford. Mona Lisa is arguably the best Italian restaurant in Connecticut, and Telluride offers a relaxing atmosphere and delicious Southwestern dishes.

This luxury comes at a price, however: you should make reservations in advance and plan to spend about \$60 for a dinner for two, wine not included.

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also the laundry rooms.

Also included in the proposals is the introduction of security cards. With the security cards, University students would no longer have to use keys to enter the dormitories. Instead, they would swipe the cards into the computerized locking system to open the doors.

Such a system would increase the safety of the buildings, and would reduce the cost of hiring extra security guards to secure the buildings. Presently, Warner Hall residents are using the card system.

The first of these proposals were brought forward in March 1998 and then later on September. Lobbying for the proposals is currently on-going. Unless these proposals are passed, the systems will not be upgraded.

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a very uncomfortable night for almost all the residents of Bodine Hall.

The problem was fixed by 2:30 PM, and all the systems were online by 9:00 PM on Sunday, at which time students were allowed back in.

The repairs cost the Physical plant about \$15,000 and the culprit who pulled the alarm has not been apprehended.

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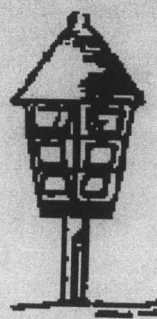
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Melissa virus threatens corporate systems

by Puneet Batra

In the biggest virus threat ever, the "Melissa" virus has been infiltrating corporate computer systems since it was discovered a few days ago by Network Associates, the makers of the popular virus detection software, McAfee Virus Scan.

Companies affected by the virus include Microsoft and Intel Corporation. On Friday, Microsoft suspended all its e-mail systems to prevent further attack.

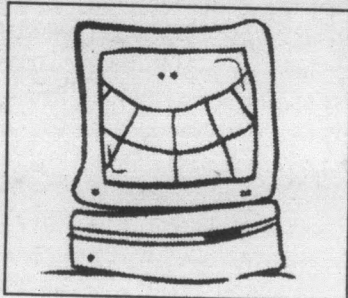
"We're a victim, like any other company on the outside," said a Microsoft spokesman. Intel Corporation was also forced to shut down some of its e-mail systems as a result of the attack.

The virus, which is being spread through e-mail, does not harm users' computers, but the rapid rate at which it is spreading can result in massive traffic on mail servers. "Melissa" is a macro virus and the user can only be susceptible if Microsoft Outlook is used as e-mail software.

The virus can be recognized by the subject of the e-mail which usually reads "important message from" followed by the name of someone you know. It comes with

a Microsoft Word attachment, which when opened, triggers Microsoft Outlook to forward the virus to the first fifty addresses in Outlook's address book.

The virus is also known to shut off Microsoft Office's



macro protection and this may make the system susceptible to future viruses.

The virus cannot be activated unless the attached file is opened and users are warned not to open e-mails with the subject mentioned above. Each time the document is opened, the virus is sent on to fifty people and so on. This causes the virus to spread at an exponential rate and can over stress servers causing them to crash.

The city of Portland was forced to bring down its e-mail systems for a few days while they attempted to eradicate their systems of the virus.

Meanwhile, two software engineers have evidence which

might enable the creator of the virus to be found. They have managed to trace one America Online account and a web address by using a Global Unique Identification Number (GUIN) found in the Word document.

The GUIN is a unique serial number which allows documents to be traced to their creators. This number which was a brainchild of Microsoft has caused much controversy since it denies computer users of privacy.

The website (<http://www.sourceofkaos.com/homes/vic/start.html>) belongs to a known hacker and creator of many virus tools. The person, named Sky Rocket on AOL, was also one of the first to post the virus on newsgroups where it was first discovered.

If the creator of this virus is found, he might face \$350,000 in fines and five to ten years in jail, as being pursued by the FBI. This is the first virus ever for which the Federal government has issued a warning. Michael Vatis, director of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection System, says the bureau is treating the investigation into the virus with the "utmost seriousness."

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This is a very positive sign for UB. It is proof of the emerging financial strength of the University.

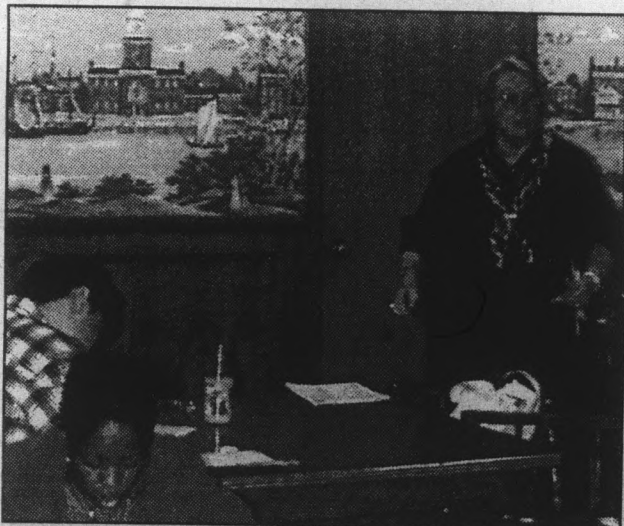
"We have the right environment and we have the physical proximity to New York City, Boston and other major centers in America. Nothing but opportunity ahead of us," concluded Mr. Roberts.

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Extroverted or introverted?



The Social Sciences club hosted guest speaker Lynette Wood, director of Career Services, on March 30. Ms. Wood, Professors Kurt Frey and Charles Justice conducted the Myers-Briggs personality test.

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Editorials

Power outage

Fine, the power went off in Bodine on Wednesday. Many thought that they would have to spend the night in another hall, and people in Seeley and Barnum with many friends from Bodine had rooms bursting at the seams.

But...Bodine residents went home. They got to spend the night in their own rooms, and the people in Barnum and Seeley did not have any out of the ordinary room-mates.

Come Sunday morning at 1:30 AM, the electricity went off in Bodine again. The authorities decided to put people on fire-watch and let the partied-out residents sleep. Then, an hour later, some smart cookie pulled the fire alarm.

All those people who had just managed to get to sleep had to get up and evacuate the building. The ones who had passed out were dragged out by their friends. And that smart cookie, bless him, did not have to wake up. He or she was already up.

David O. informed people in Dana that the building could not be reoccupied and they had to find alternative housing. Some were offered the luxurious accommodations of previously

unoccupied rooms in the other dorms or a bed in a room with a disgruntled person who was woken up at 3 AM to clear a spare bed.

The power went off, big deal. It happens. Someone pulled the fire alarm and made life tougher for the R.A.'s on duty, David O, the Physical Plant people, Campus Security, and all the resi-



Some students were cheerful despite having to rough it out on the floor in Dana 107

dents of Bodine Hall. Way to go, was there anyone else that you could have angered?

Sometimes, the red handle of the fire alarm may be tempting, but resist if only to save the peace of 300 and some people who also live in the hall. They may not be in the mood for a walk outside: though the weather is getting warmer, it is still not fun to exit at a ridiculous hour of the morning. Be more considerate.

The best thing since the invention of plastic

While students spend a lot of time complaining about various situations on campus, little time is spent to recognize the good things that are happening. In the past few semesters, the University of Bridgeport Alternative Thinkers (UBAT) have proved to be a great asset to students, consistently organizing events that attract students, while not spending very much money.

UBAT is well known on-campus for the debates that the club sponsors, always attracting students to hear different viewpoint on controversial topics. The success of these events is unrivalled as far as academic events go. Usually, it is hard to get students interested in parties, while even more difficult to gain attention for an event that requires students to think. *The Scribe* applauds UBAT for its success in making intellectual topics interesting and encouraging students to use their brains.

UBAT, however, is not just a debate club, as they have proven recently. Breaking away from the typical events, and surprising everybody with their success, UBAT has entered the business of selling dates.

While we all knew that Frank Ajisegbe would make a great Master of Ceremonies, we would have never known that he could get over \$170 for one hour with a young lady who is not even obligated to accept the date if she chooses.

In their enormously successful Date Auction, UBAT raised over \$800 was raised for a local charity. The money from this event, one of the few charity events held on campus, will go to the noble cause of helping cancer

patients.

While the financial success was due in large part to a few generous patrons, the auction was a fun time for many students, as the Social Room of the Student Center was filled with students and faculty. Students will have fond memories of the night that the Director of Residential Life was sold for a mere \$6, while the price doubled when his wife took the stage.

Perhaps the best financial decision of the night was made by the person who bought Dawn Valenti, director of international affairs. It's not often that one can find someone who knows how to do your taxes for \$15/hour.

The date auction was interesting to observe as friends bid on friends, baseball teammate on teammate, and Scribe staff member for staff member.

Once the event was a fifth of the way through, the bids started to increase at an incredible rate and people got into the spirit of things.

One person even hung out of the lighting window on the second floor to bid for a lady. Good thing he didn't fall. Well he wouldn't have gotten much anyway, UBAT had already announced that they were only liable for the price of the date.

Professor Timothy Eves introduced the club at the beginning, yet he did not get as much attention as the volunteers.

Perhaps he should have volunteered to be sold. There are probably a lot of people who would bid on him, I know that I would pay more than ten bucks!

Dorms On The Spot

What did you think about Caliente?



"I won't say it was boring and unsuccessful, but I really had fun!"

Sugam Tamrakar



"Caliente was fun! Something I enjoyed after a long time, kudos!"

Parinaya Pradhan



"It was excellent. I wish the party would have extended. The atmosphere was great."

Alexi Georghiou



"It was fun. The live band gave it a nice edge over all of the other UB parties. Hopefully, the other organizations will follow suit and parties will start being entertaining at the very least."

Simeon Goodson



"The Spanish music was a good change from the norm at UB parties and the live band was a nice touch."

Deon Harris



"Caliente lived up to its name because it was simply hot. The Spanish flavor and the amount of people it attracted edged out of all other UB events thus far."

Schinae Wilson



"Caliente was a blast! I really had a great time and I think we should have more parties like it. The party of the year!"

Patricia Ekins



"Caliente was hot. My friend Yolande and I thought it was one of the best events. Trust me, we had fun."

Monique Bryan

AT THE SCRIBBLE

In the name of humor

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Scribe staff found dead

Upon entering the Student Center on March 31, Dean of Students Janet Merritt noticed something was wrong. Director of Residential Life David Oestreicher was wearing underwear on the outside of his clothes.

"Oh no! I forgot today is 'Wear Underwear Outside Your Clothes Day!'" exclaimed Dean Merritt, as she ran out the door.

Upon returning to the Student Center, she noticed that there was a funny smell coming from the second floor.

Dean Merritt then proceeded to the second floor, where she found The Scribe office door broken down and pieces of glass everywhere. Inside the office, dead *Scribe* members were strewn about.

Dean Merritt said, "I could not believe it. The first thing I did was grab my bottle of wine to celebrate. Then I

called Jim Mooney to investigate."

When asked why she seemed so delighted at the tragic death of the hard-working Scribblers, Dean Merritt claimed that she was "sick of being misquoted in *The Scribe*."

Upon arrival at the scene, Jim Mooney found that *The Scribe* members had died under extremely strange circumstances. According to Mr. Mooney, "the entire *Scribe* staff seems to have been interrupted during a ritual group-mastication session."

In fact, Photography Editor Ram Mohan was covered with Lau's secret sauce.

The actual cause of the death of most of the editorial staff and several staff writers is still being debated. Investigating officers claim that the victims were killed in an accident where they were crushed by a soda

machine. While trying to steal drinks by tipping the machine on its side, according to the officials, the Scribblers were caught under 18 tons of steel.

When asked how it is possible that eight people were killed by a single soda machine, one representative replied "Oh, we didn't actually work out the details yet."

After further questioning about how a soda machine got into *The Scribe* office in the first place, the officer declared the Constitution of the United States to be null and void.

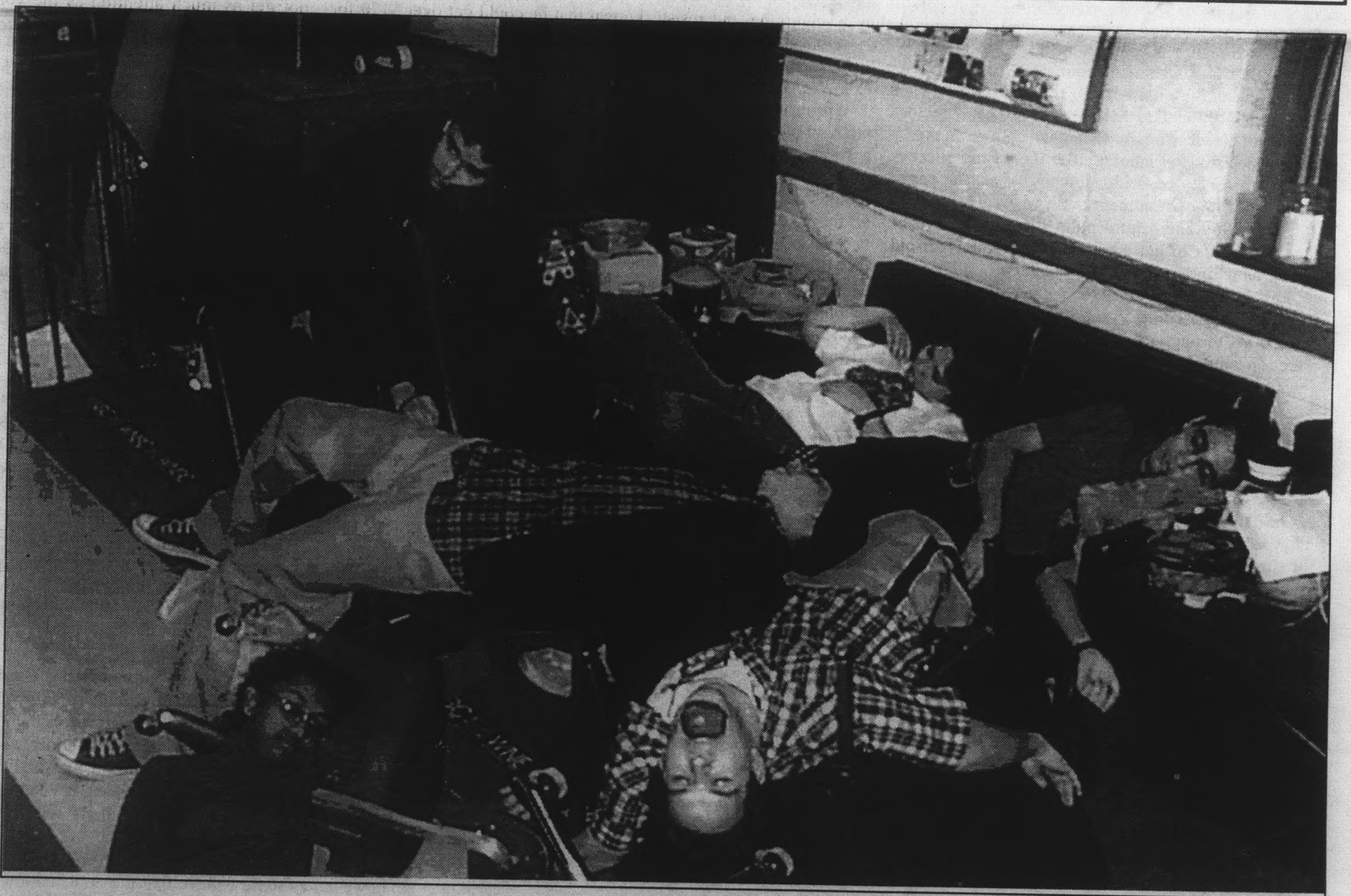
Sharyn Skeeter, the advisor of *The Scribe* was contacted after the incident. When asked for her response to the death of the eight members, Professor Skeeter responded, "What's *The Scribe*?"

After clarifying the differences

between *Compass* and *The Scribe* to Professor Skeeter, she posed the philosophically perplexing question, "How did they come out with an issue if they are all dead?"

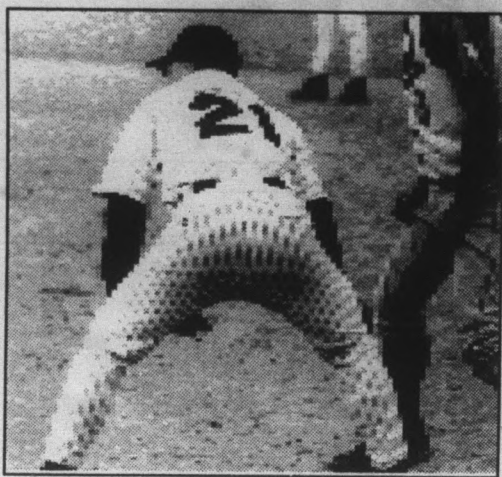
Professor Timothy Eves then flew in through the window, saying "I'm Batman."

The articles in The Scribble are fictional and present purely in the idea of "good humor" inappropriate to this day. The publication of The Scribble is a continuation of a tradition that was once present here at UB. We hope that anyone mentioned in any of the articles takes it in the good humor it is intended.



The dead Scribblers unearthed from under the soda machine. Evidence of mastication is apparent, and confusion still reigns as to who actually put out the paper if the staff are dead. People wishing to donate money towards the funeral costs of the Scribblers are requested to slide the cash under *Scribe* door.

Purple Knights idea of baseball



The Purple Knights flash one of their strategic tactics.

Flaming Eagles. Would this be the day when the season-long losing streak was finally over? The Purple Knights were playing at Harbor Yard Stadium, home of the Bridgeport Bluefish, who have the best record in the East Atlantic League. Perhaps it was an omen of good fortune.

When stepping into the Harbor Yard Stadium, the

It was a cold, blustery day when the players took the field to face

the visiting team, the

first thing one notices is the ominous United Illuminated power plant in the background. Then there are the railroad tracks that are reminders of the blue-collar history of Bridgeport. The game was free admission, but that did not deter the people from not showing up. In all, there were perhaps thirty people who attended the game.

The majority were there to cheer on friends who could desperately use the support. Myself, I went as a curious observer. All I knew about the team was that they were blonde, and they have not won a game in so long, the LA Clippers offered condolences.

So I thought I'd help the team out as best I could by insulting, distracting, and annoying the opposing team. All in hopes of somehow pulling out a rare victory.

The game started out on an upbeat note. The Purple Knights scored a run in the first inning and it seemed like smooth sailing from there.

Then, disaster struck.

The other team got up to bat.

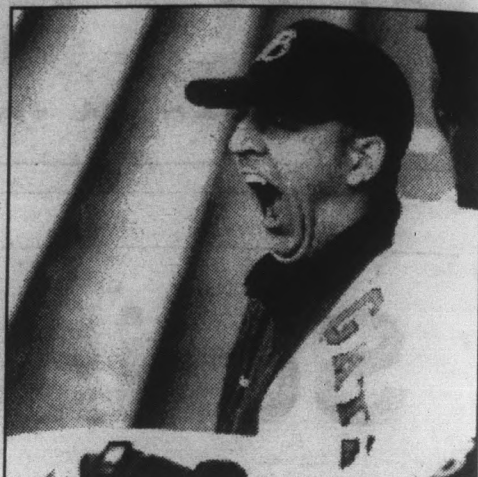
I learned quite a lot about baseball that day. The pitcher is the most important player on the team and that we need one. Being able to catch a ball is also more important than being able to throw it. And any-

one, yes, even the Purple Knights, can talk the talk, but walking is a whole different matter.

The score? Why drudge up painful memories.

Enough to say it was another check in the loss column. But that's ok, status quo has a certain kind of charm all its own. Kind of like commitment.

The UB Knights baseball team and losing are an old, familiar couple, and I do not see a break up in sight.



A scream here, a yawn there...the games only get more exciting

Ivy League Conspiracy Theory

In recent weeks, a few strange things have been happening on campus. Many of them are brushed off as mere quirks. However, one man has been a persistent voice of reason. This man, known only by his code name Night Eagle, has reached out to all who are listening, only to be turned away as a lunatic. Finally, he has been vindicated.

The Scribbler has uncovered substantial proof that a certain Ivy League college in New Haven has waged a campaign to undermine the UB community, and destroy its shining reputation. To date, these are the events that have led to this discovery:

Spring 1996: The Student Board of Directors (SOB) of this certain Ivy League college makes a crucial decision to sabotage the increasing success of the University of Bridgeport to distract the population from its own ailments.

Fall 1996: The school pulls strings with Washington contacts to get a certain twenty-one year-old girl hired as intern at the White House.

Fall 1997 - Spring 1998: Agents from this Ivy League college come to the University and set off fire alarms throughout the semester to create dissatisfaction among the students. A total of 32 failed

attempts were recorded by Campus Security.

Spring 1998: According to plan, the Lewinsky incident explodes onto the American conscience, and totally draws attention away from that college's ongoing problems.

Summer 1998: New studies show that New Haven property has continually decreased over several years while Bridgeport values have increased. This report causes the school's Board of Directors to significantly speed up the process of what is code-named "Project Repress UB so it Never Becomes a Threat to us."

Spring 1999: In what was to be the crowning moment of "Project Repress UB so it Never Becomes a Threat to us," their agents attempt to cut the power off to the UB campus in hopes of creating chaos and looting which would cripple UB operations. Luckily, they are foiled by the heroics of Campus Security, but do manage to cut power to the northern portion of campus. However, their plan does not come to fruition, and no looting occurs- the bookstore retains all of its inventory of stale chocolate.

Spring 1999: As a last ditch effort, the same team tries again to cut power, but again are foiled. Out of

sheer desperation, a lone agent is able to sneak into Bodine Hall and set off the fire alarm, causing a massive evacuation of Bodine in the middle of the night. Again, nothing comes of it, as students simply pack some personals and find a place to sleep, wherever they can. The college had obviously underestimated the amount of garbage that UB students could take. After all, we've had lots of practice enduring fire alarms and the Marina food.

Night Eagle finally has enough evidence to go to the authorities and take down the evil Ivy League empire that has for so long oppressed the University community. In the coming weeks and months, the campus will be swarmed by the media as the developments against that school escalate an already volatile situation. Some lives may be lost as they turn to guerrilla tactics.

Night Eagle has refused to be quoted on anything, but advises that purchasing a shock-gun might be a wise course of action. For those who for one reason or another cannot buy a shock-gun through legal channels, are encouraged to see Pete on the corner of Iranistan and Park Avenue.

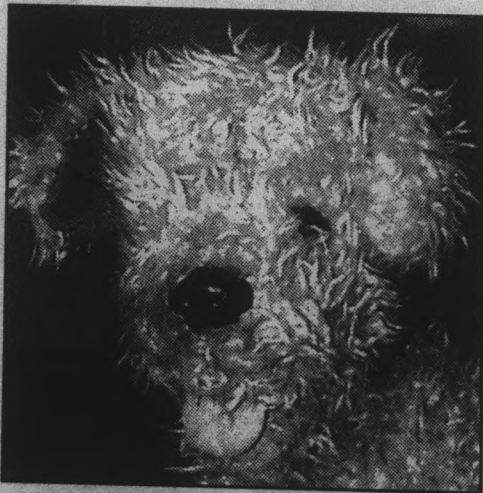
Cat seen on campus: A Nazi spy?

The University's goal of attaining a unique international character may soon be fulfilled, as a trial for alternative methods of espionage are under analysis on-campus. The methods referred to involve a German engineered feline that looks very similar to household cats in the U.S., except that it has recording capabilities.

Several characteristics can distinguish the Nazi cats, some of which are being used to determine the political affiliation of a certain feline that is often seen around UB ("CP" for Campus Pussy...cat), apparently looking for food from unsuspecting students.

The most easily observed distinction between these German menaces and their cute American counterparts is the insatiable desire for alcoholic beverages of the former, a trait that is acquired by any organism originating in Eastern Europe.

Another more invasive procedure can be used to determine absolutely that a cat is Nazi by opening its chest to expose the cardiac region. According to every ultra-conservative from the mid-western United States, Nazis are so evil that their cold, black



The Scribble's pooch on the trail of the campus pussy...cat!

ly demonstrates that it is one of those sub-species Nazis.

The tip that the German spies were in the US, and that one was already at the University, was given by an anonymous caller. The caller claimed to be an

hearts do not even pump blood, but rather, a thick, vomitous liquid. Exposing these properties of a cat almost certainly

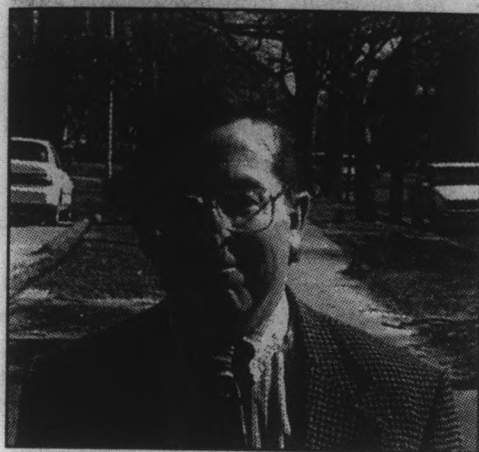
ex-member of the SS, before he was let-go for being "too funky." According to the informant, the main problem that his government faces is financing.

When asked how the SS could possibly benefit from information gained by spies at the University, he asserted that his organization is interested in how to convince wealthy, Asian, religious groups to donate large sums of money to their cause, and believes that the University holds this secret.

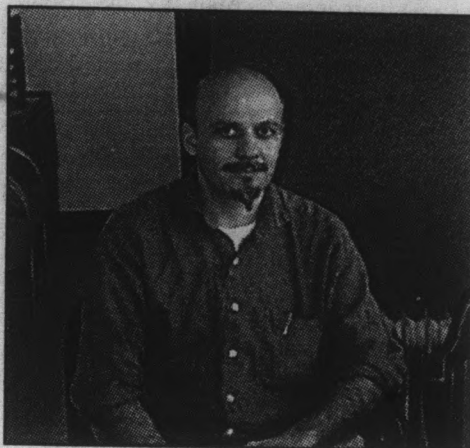
When this information was presented at a Board of Trustees meeting, several important conclusions were reached. First of all, everyone agreed that since Nazi people suck, Nazi cats almost certainly also suck. Second of all, it was noted that if information about the residence of these cats spreads beyond the University community, enrollment, along with revenues, could be drastically shifted.

The Board was split as to what the effects would be, however, as some believe that the enriched international character and the presence of advanced technology would attract students, while others argued that the mere thought of a Nazi influence is sickening to any person capable of reasonable thought.

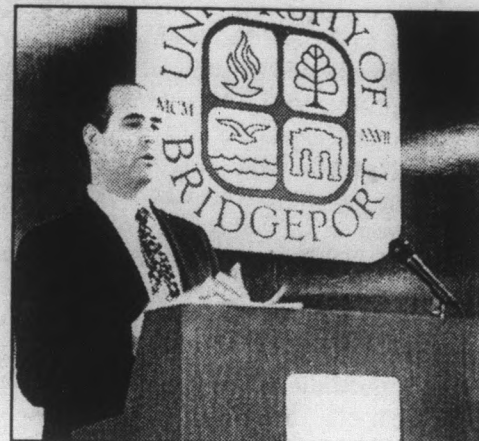
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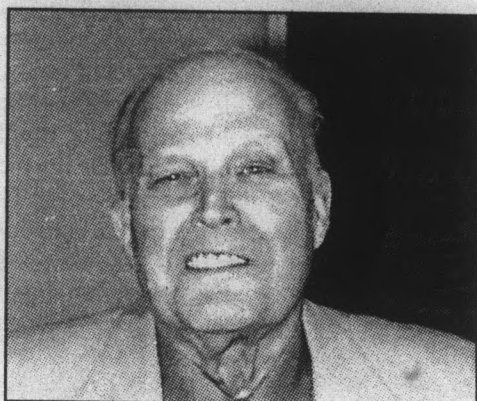
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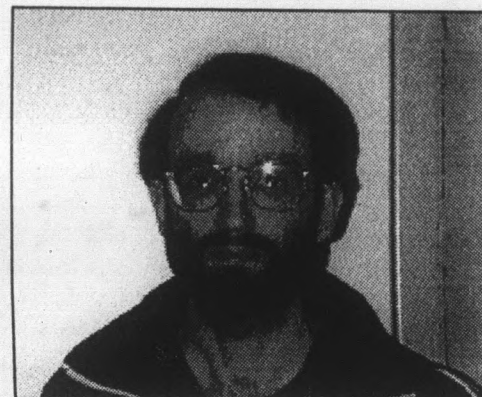
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Mastication does not result in hairy palms

The growing number of people found masticating on-campus continues to shock and impress University officials. Every day at least three to four hundred students can be seen openly masticating in Marina Dinning Hall, T-Maria, and other public places.

Recent undercover investigations by The Scribbler have found that University students seem to enjoy the act of masticating, especially at mid-day.

More disturbingly, it appears that the University is doing everything in its power to facilitate as much mastication on-campus as possible.

Marina has even gone so far as reserving a special table where faculty and staff members can sit and masticate together. High-ranking officials at the University, including President Richard Rubenstein, have been seen leaving their offices during the day to go to Marina to masticate.

Sometimes, these officials sit with students, and conducting meetings as they masticate. The Scribbler's undercover agents also discovered Marina personnel masticating during their breaks. Moreover, they appeared to be enjoying it more than the students.

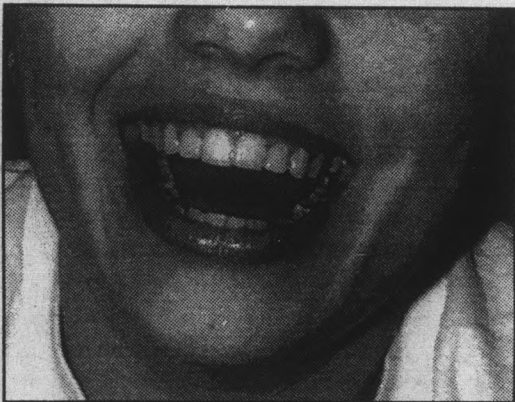
However the most shocking discovery, is that much of this mastication continues back at the dorms. Students masticate in the lounges, bathrooms, and hallways.

Residential staff does not seem to have any control over the situation. In fact, they themselves participate and even conduct special movie nights for

residents where masticating stimulants are served.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous for fear of jeopardizing his future political career, stated that he enjoyed masticating at nights in his room. He admitted that sometimes he would invite friends over and they would masticate together. He further went on to state that he sometimes has "incredible urges" to masticate. Dale Powell, in an interview with The Scribbler, commented that he only masticates when he is hungry and that he prefers to it in the privacy of his room.

According to Mr. Powell, "proper mastication is something that should be learned when you are young." Sean Smalling disagreed and said, "Masticating to me comes naturally."



Obvious enjoyment seems to result from mastication, except at Marina

Why is the University not condemning such behavior? The Scribbler attempted to contact Donna Marino and Mike Giannotti, from Development and Public Relations, but they were out masticating together and were not able to speak on the matter.

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Humor

Are we de-evolving?

I recently talked to a friend who was concerned about the future of our species. My friend had been watching a talk show hosted by some guy named Jerry Springer, and a few things started to bother her.

First of all, there was a peculiar guest on the show who was sure that every woman wanted a piece of, what he called, "Da Bone," and felt the need to remove his pants periodically to show the audience what he meant by "Da Bone."

A little while later, a pregnant, thirteen year-old, drug-induced prostitute disturbed her for another reason - it occurred to her that these people are reproducing. a

I don't want to make my friend sound overly judgmental, but it seemed to her that if these people are producing the future generations of our species and the Nobel Prize winners are not, we may be facing some hard times.

Unless you have been abiding by the Creationism doctrine for the last two centuries, you have probably heard something above the concept of natural selection. The basic idea behind the functional premise of evolution is that the most-fit organisms have the best chance to survive, reproduce, and pass on their genetic heritage.

Many people have raised the question: what about humans? That is, we seem to be denying nature, and keeping the less fit alive long enough to reproduce; so is evolution stopping?

The concern of my friend was that if the people that we see on The Jerry Springer Show are producing ten kids with equally trashy mates, while many of the more intelligent people are choosing to have fewer or no children, are we starting to de-evolve?

Very amused by this concern, I thought about the issue. After some time reading and thinking, my concern for the future of Homo sapiens was put to ease by a few observations.

First of all, one must realize that it is very hard to see the direction of evolution per factó. As my friend Charles D. pointed out a few years ago, "we see nothing of these slow changes in progress, until the hand of time has marked the lapse of ages." Well-said, Charles.

Another very important thing to consider is that evolution occurs at points in time, between which are intervals where conditions can be very congenial for the various surviving organisms. During these intervals, many different types of organisms, or in this case, people, are able to survive.

This includes those that may seem less-fit at first look, causing an increase in

species variation. This may seem uninviting now, but we do not know what environmental changes are facing us. For instance, if another Ice Age comes, then those gross people with hair all over their bodies will be favored for survival. In general, while a person's traits might not be desirable in this world, the world may change and only those people will survive.

The only problem remaining is what kind of evolutionary benefit is to be had from pulling your pants down and claiming women want "Da Bone." It seems to this observer that the only benefit is offending conservatives.

So, before you make fun of people



The Scribe staff enjoying their last meal before they were found tragically dead

that you think are defective, or think that we would be better off without them, just remember that the future of our species may depend on their existence tomorrow.

Admissions to recruit Martians

Dr. Suzanne Wilcox unveiled a new plan to the Board of Trustees to increase enrollment in the University. The Admissions department will begin recruiting students from Mars. "This new plan not only will maintain the international focus of the University, but will broaden it to be inter-planetary," said Dr. Wilcox.

The Admissions department has decided to recruit more Martians because of their high

SAT I & II scores, particularly in math and science, ability to thrive in an oxygen-deprived environment similar to Marina Dining Hall, and most importantly, they are green. President Rubenstein stated that he "loves those green-skinned rascals, especially Marvin."

Dr. Wilcox has already budgeted money to pay for the fee-waived applications that need to be sent to Mars, and the first batch of applications are in the University Mailroom, waiting for authorization. Ed Walton, director of the Administrative Services, said "We

Martian students will be accepted into the University, there is a question about whether or not they will pass the TOEFL exam. Ashok Narang, director of International Admissions said, "Yes, being from another planet does affect one's ability to communicate in English. But, as long as they can understand the universal language of smut, everything should be alright."

The Scribbler was able to contact Provost Mike Grant about his feelings on Martians, to which he responded, "I can't wait to get them into their first barfight. UB is going to kick Sacred Heart's butt at the SportsPage Bar."

Faculty, upon hearing of the new plan, immediately went into an uproar over why Admissions was going to recruit Martians, when there are enough little green men on-campus already. "Isn't one Professor Kinnach enough?" lamented Professor Lamont Thomas.

Reaction from the student body, however, is mixed. Some feel it's the worst move since construction of Breul

Hall, while other feel it's the best since the hiring of Officer Brown. Christopher Turcotte said, "I think it's great that Martians might attend. I only hope no one alienates them."

The Student Congress is very concerned about the recruitment of Martians. Congress seems worried that the Martians will come to the Financial Committee with requests for money and the UB Van to go to Mars and other planets.

"My fear is that they will take away money from the students' budget, which will pay for my trip to Nepal," said Student Congress President Ashok Regmi. When asked about the legitimacy of spending the students' budget on his own personal trips, Mr. Regmi responded by sticking his tongue out and saying, "Nannie-nannie poo-poo."

decided to use UPS to ship the applications because they provided the most cost-efficient rates to the entire Milky Way Galaxy"

Although it is expected most of the

New core courses proposed

Last week, the University Core Commission announced their recommendations for the new Core Curriculum. Headed by Professor Hans van der Geissen the committee has spent months researching and deliberating to find a set of courses that will prepare every student for the future.

The new English course will be Middle Ages English 102. Taught by Professor George Blake, this course will focus on the fundamentals of ghetto-speak and Ebonics. Topics include the proper use of Puttin' the Smack Down, Your Mom, Bust a Cap, and Gettin' Jiggy Wit It, in an increasingly diverse global economy.

The new math course will be Math 173. Taught by Professor Xinlong

Weng, this course will show students how to use numbers in the real world. Topics include should a person stick up 1 or 2 middle fingers, how to compute deodorant price per millilitre of sweat, and using calculus to figure out how many quarters to put in a dryer in Bodine's laundry room to actually make it work.

The new aesthetics course will be Fine Arts 169. Taught by Professor Kaz Mc Cue, this course will examine the role of anatomy in art. Topics include Picasso's use of breasts, Rembrandt's phallic paintings, and the role of masturbation in da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

The new media aesthetics course will be Integrated Studies 299. Taught by Professor Timothy Eves, this course will attempt to answer the question:

Who cares about Media Aesthetics?

The new science course will be Natural Sciences 861. Taught by Professor James Tucci, this course will discuss the physics of misbehavior. Topics include creating the perfect spitball, how to get a paper airplane to land on the teacher, and starting a foodfight without getting caught.

The new humanities course will be Humanities 299. Taught by Professor Wilson Kinnach, this course will discuss the Mongolian Dream. Questions to be answered include: Where is Mongolia? Does the Bridgeport #8 Bus go there? How can we get to their women? This course has been substantially revised from the American Dream, as everybody knows it is drugs, sex, and rock-and-roll.

The new social sciences course will be Social Sciences 2150. Taught by Professor Justus van der Kroef, this course will discuss the significance of Ronald Mc Donald as a cultural iconoclastic myth symbolizing the rudimentary origins of mankind. Topics include Grimace as a giant purple Hershey's Kiss, Hamburglar as the repressed id, and the Fry Guys as cute pom-poms with legs.

The new senior seminar will be Capstone 425.82. Taught by Professors Kurt Frey and Anthony Guerra, this course promises to be even more restrictive than it currently is. The new course will require at least another 4 years to complete, promising students 4 more wonderful years of fire alarms and blackouts in Bodine Hall.

UBAT raises money for charity

by Atul K. Sardana

The University of Bridgeport Alternative Thinkers (UBAT) held its first ever date auction to raise money for the charity, Cancer Cure Foundation, in Norwalk. The auction was held in the



The highest bid was for \$172. The proceeds of which went to charity

Social Room at the Student Center, on March 25, at 9 PM and was hosted by Franck Ajisegbe, a founder of UBAT and former student.

This event was something new and different for the students and the University. There were approximately thirty five volunteers to be auctioned off, and a few people volunteered at the last minute.

UBAT President Mrinalini Dar said, "The turnout was much more than we expected."

Ms. Dar understood that if everyone knew the event was going to be such a success, more female audience members would have brought more money.

Among the volunteers sold were David Oestreicher, director of Residential Life, and Edina Oestreicher, director of Student Programming, who raised almost fifteen dollars combined.

Dawn Valenti, director for International Affairs, Trish Marella, assistant to the director of International Affairs, and Roderick Doda, Campus Security supervisor, were also on the auctioning block.

Many people bid on their friends and this raised the prices. Tracy Colangelo began the high bidding, and she was auctioned for \$65. From that point, many bids rose over that amount.

The largest bid was \$172 for a date with Puja Shrestha, and second was \$105 for a date with Wafa Abu Leil. It was for a good cause, so people did not mind opening their wallets.

Approximately \$800 in profit was raised for this event, which the club members said was very rare for a charity event held at the University. Su-Lin Lim, vice-president of UBAT said, "It worked out well, and we are very grateful for those that attended and contributed their money to charity."

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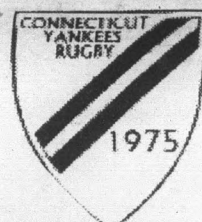
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Caliente again a success

by Seemanti Borkotoky

The most awaited party of the year, "Caliente," finally took place on March 26 at the Student Center. After the tremendous success of the "Caliente" last year, the Latin American Club decided to make the party an annual event. This year, the party had a turnout of about 400 people, which again made it one of the most successful events of

these gifts did not last long. "I am very happy about the turnout. It was approximately as big as last year. We did a lot of advertising in other Universities and radio stations, so it was great to see so many people from outside UB," said Carolina Echeverri, president of the Latin American Club. Ms. Echeverri also expressed her content that there were no incidents during the party. "Security was very happy with us," she said.

Caliente is the only party in the University that combines the music of a live Latin band with that of a DJ. This mix may be one of the reasons that made "Caliente" so successful. Kristin Schumann said, "I had a great time. I especially liked the fact that the music was a mixture of Spanish and English as it made the party more interesting for non-Spanish people."

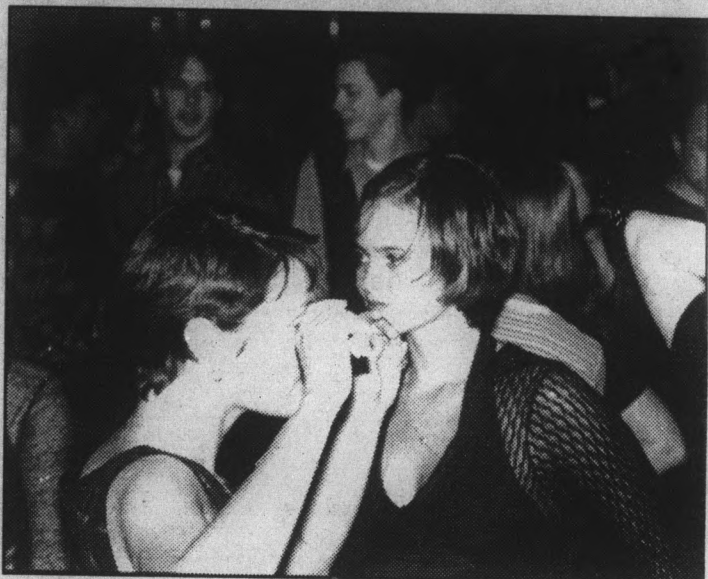
The students' response to the party was positive, although some people thought that it was not as good as last year's.

Dinko Anguelov said, "It was a good party, but I consider last year's



Students danced until 2 AM in the Social Room

party better, because there were more people and the music was better. It was still a lot of fun though."



The live Latin American band provided a refreshing break from recorded club music

the year.

Most of the attendees arrived at the party within an hour of its start, which is an unusual occurrence. The early birds received complimentary gifts from the Latin American Club. Because of the large turnout, however,

University Gallery

by Seemanti Borkotoky

The annual exhibition "Contemporary Visions '99" is currently on show at the Univer-

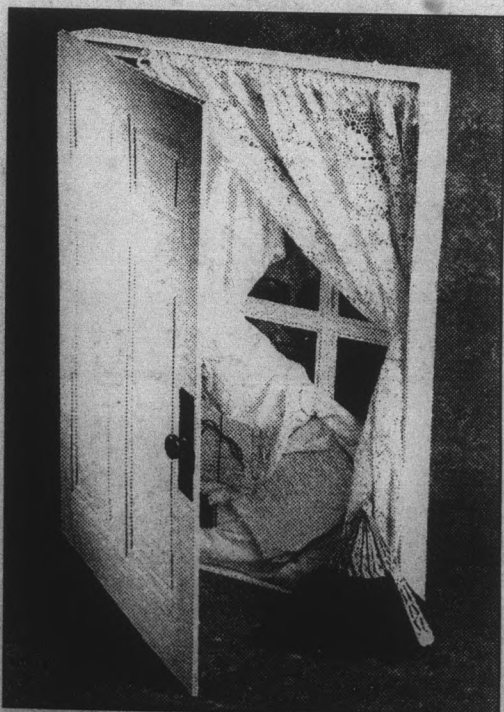
sity Gallery in the Arnold Bernard Center. American painter Philip Pearlstein, whose paintings are held in major collections around the world, judged this year's show. This year's exhibition consists of paintings, sculptures, photography, and drawings that offer a variety of abstract and figurative approaches. Gallery Manager Kaz McCue said, "I think that this is the best 'Contemporary Visions' we've had. It is the first one where an artist has judged the show. The juror paid a lot of attention to material and size. The most important feature of the show is the different sizes of the paintings."

The Best of Show award went to Zhi Lin for his painting "Starvation." The painting, which is a part of the "Five Capital Executions in China" collection, is on canvas and is surrounded by a border of fabric with Chinese designs on it. The prize gave Mr. Lin an opportunity to have a solo showing at the

Gallery next year.

In addition to the Best of Show award, other awards were presented. Two artists, Mo Olsen and Carey McDougal, received invitational awards that would allow them to present some of their work during the Gallery's annual Invitational Show. In addition, Juror's Award of Excellence was presented to William Martin and Award of Merit to Joe Bascom.

The back gallery is showing "Visible Whispers: An Exhibition of small works by Marietta Leis, Susan Hensel and Kirsten Skiles." Marietta Leis creates paintings based on the story of Marietta Robusti Tintoretto, a woman artist from Venice. Ms. Hensel's work translates all of her artistic values into handmade books, and Ms. Skiles' work is mostly in metal. Pamela Ayres, Installation Coordinator for the Gallery came up with the idea of getting these artists together. She felt that they would look good together as all three of them pay a lot of attention to detail. The exhibitions will be on display until April 10, 1999.



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Athletic profiles



Name: Valerie Steen

Sport: Softball

Age: 19

Hometown: Queens, NY

Hobbies: Volleyball, reading, writing poetry, and hanging out with her friends.

Description: Ms. Steen has been a solid performer for the past two seasons' for the Lady Purple Knights softball team. Last season she finished with 126 strikeouts in only 124 innings pitched. Her earned run average was an outstanding 3.22. She faired well against the tough competition that she and the team faced in Florida. She will need to take the team on her back, as she will lead a very young UB softball team into the season.

Future dreams: Her future dreams is to work in a Public Relations department in a major corporation.



Name: Warren Miedrich

Sport: Baseball

Age: 21

Hometown: Franklin Square, NY

Hobbies: Horseback Riding, reading his Hardy Boy's collection, tropical bird watching, and hanging with his roommate Kevin Hubert.

Description: Mr. Miedrich is off to a spectacular season as he is batting an excellent .445.

He's also doing a great job of stopping every ball that comes his way at third base. At the pace that he is going, he will be running for all New England Collegiate Conference honors awarded at the end of every season.

Future dreams: To graduate and be a well rounded, respectable individual.

Rugby tackle in Marina circle



Marina Circle was the scene for the battle between Sacred Heart University's rugby team and the Connecticut Yankees. The match was on Saturday, March 27 and many supporters turned up to watch and to enjoy the afternoon game



Knights' lose doubleheader to UMass

by Daniel Chin

On March 27, the Knights played two games in a row against the University of Massachusetts-Lowell Hawks, a divisional rival in the NECC. Before today, they had played just one NECC rival, and lost in a close game.

The team also looked to snap a twelve game losing streak that has haunted them all season. Over spring break, the team took a trip to Florida to play against some of the best college baseball programs, in hopes of raising the level of their game.

Many of the players from last year had returned, and there was hope that a better team could be built upon the experience of the older players. The Purple Knights made a good run in the 1997-98 season, winning four games and losing

several close contests. So the prospects for this year had been good.

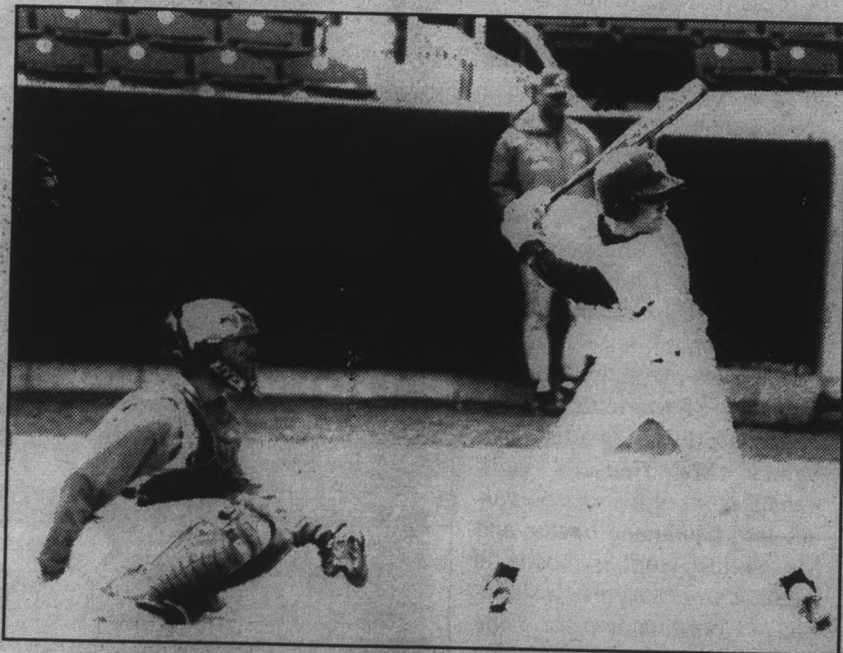
Unfortunately, the team has been struggling badly with no strong defensive players to support a generally low-

in every inning except for the fifth. The result was a 14 to 3 drubbing. The Knights made a run late in the game to score 3, but it was too little too late as Lowell dominated the entire game.

The Knights used three pitchers to try and curb the onslaught, Jon Rosenthal, Dennis Eannotti, and Jordan Combs. None were able to do much, as the scoring was pretty even throughout the game.

The second game started off on a better note. Warren Miedrich batted in a run in the first inning, while Adam McLarin pitched with great control. However, UB was not able to produce any more runs, and Mr. McLarin failed to keep up the pace, giving up several runs before he was taken out of the game.

The second game was only for seven innings but the Hawks won again, 5 to 1.



Purple Knights at bat against UMass Lowell in Harbor Yard Stadium

Scoreboard

Men's Baseball

Albertus Magnus	Loss 5-8
Concordia College	Loss 6-16
UMASS Lowell	Loss 3-14
	Loss 1-5

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